

Stakeholder Involvement on Perchlorate Issues

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Abstract

This session will provide a general overview of stakeholder involvement, and describe specific activities that the USEPA has implemented to inform and involve stakeholders on perchlorate issues, including "lessons learned" from working as part of a multi-agency committee, the Interagency Perchlorate Steering Committee. Handouts will be provided and questions and discussion are welcome.

Biographical information

Catherine McCracken has been at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Region 9 Office of Community Involvement since June 1997, working on both Superfund and RCRA sites. Prior to joining the EPA, she worked for the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service of NC State University as a Public Policy Education Specialist, focusing on water quality issues in the Albemarle-Pamlico estuarine region.

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